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Angry White House officials say the CIA is carrying secrecy too far. The agency assured presidential aides that Eugene Hasenfus, the American arms smuggler captured in Nicaragua, had no CIA link. When it emerged that Hasenfus had worked with the agency in the past, the CIA loftily explained that the White House had not asked that particular question.

U.S. intelligence officials are jubilant at the bottom line on mutual expulsions of American and Soviet diplomats. Insiders say the exchange cost the Kremlin 400 spies in the U.S. and Soviet Union in return for the ejection of 10 American agents from Moscow. Equally satisfying from the U.S. end: The uproar let the Soviets know that Washington has precise tabs on who their best agents are.

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